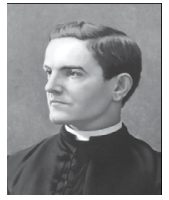




# The Notre Dame Grotto



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## Chaplain's Corner

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Happy New Year, may you have a healthful and peaceful year, please God! Champion the Right to Life movement this January and the March for Life in D.C. Ash Wednesday is on Feb 14th, that signals the beginning of Lent, so try to attend stations of the cross, and mass during the week when you are able, and pray the rosary. Make a sacrificial offering in your diet or give to the poor to alleviate their suffering. St. Pius X will have soup and bread before stations starting the second Friday of Lent. February we celebrate our founding fathers and also please pray for all world leaders to achieve peace everywhere. Pray also for relief of those suffering in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and throughout the world.

Jesus Lives!

## Grand Knight's Report

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Greetings Brother Knights and Families! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas season. Thanks to those who helped make family to family successful this year, helping others to have a better Christmas. Thanks to all who helped at the St. Pius X tree sale. We look forward to the Knights' involvement in various parish activities throughout the new year. With your help they will be a success. Vivat Jesus

## Program Director

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We have been extremely busy at the end of the year and expect it to slow down during the cold winter months. We only have one new event scheduled for January and February, and that is the pancake breakfast at St. Mary's hall. Of course this is tentative. We still need to make sure that we have the Pastor's blessing and that there are no other commitments for the hall that day. Of course we are also at the mercy of winter snow storms. Who knows what we may see this winter. We will send out an email blast if anything changes.

This issue should reach everyone in early to mid-December and there is still plenty of time to call in your reservations for the Christmas party. And once again this will be free with the caveat that we will be asking for donations for St. Elizabeth school instead. Please be as generous as possible.

Christmas trees at St. Pius X Church will be selling up to at least December 16th, which is the date scheduled to dismantle the fencing, lights, hut etc. so we can make the grounds presentable for Christmas Day. If you can spare any time at all, we are begging for help any day you have time. We are open almost all day on the weekends and 4-7 PM during the week. Even if you can only spare a few hours, it would help. Remember that this is the largest fund raiser that the church has and they surely could use a windfall of profits. Like all churches in the Archdiocese, attendance and contributions are down. Let us help them in their time of need as they have been, and continue to be, very generous to the Knights.

## Council Christmas Party

**Where:** St. Pius X Genesis Hall.  
**When:** December 19th, 6:30PM  
**What:** Food, drinks, games & fun!



Please call or email the Financial Secretary, Barry Schech, if you plan to attend so we know how much food to purchase. This is a free party, but we will ask for donations

for St. Elizabeth School! They assist us in a big way during our Family to Family Christmas basket setup and delivery. St Pius X staff have been invited to attend also since they have been generous with their facilities. Don't forget to thank them!



## Traveling Rosary

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Sacred Heart of Mary  
6736 Youngstown Ave. Baltimore MD 21222  
January 20, 2024  
After the Saturday 4PM Mass

This is to pray for the Pro-Life movement.



## District Deputy

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Brothers and sisters of 2901, we made it through yet another year. And with the new year all shiny and new, lets continue to grow and become Christ for one another. In these cold days and nights to come keep in contact with friends and family to make sure all is good in their lives.

## Sick, Memorial & Congratulatory

**Deceased**— Al Bartolomeo Nov 11, 2023. Bert and Maureen Peters lost Maureen's sister, Patricia Knight, on December 6th and Bert's sister, Anne Neibaur, on December 9th.

**Sick**— Jack Russell, heart surgery, November 24th, St. Joseph's Hospital.

### January Birthdays

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| 2 Br. Richard A Costanza  | 71 |
| 2 Br. Jack Dowding        | 40 |
| 10 Theodore J Lingelbach  | 83 |
| 11 Br. James T O Hare     | 67 |
| 13 Rev John J Mattimore   | 66 |
| 16 Br. Gerald A Atteberry | 91 |
| 17 Br. Hywel P John       | 53 |
| 20 PGK Frank B Semon      | 56 |
| 23 Br. Martin J Blair     | 63 |

### February Birthdays

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 4 Br. David E Krall        | 61 |
| 4 Dr Nicholas W Morog      | 60 |
| 8 Br. Glenn W Atteberry    | 62 |
| 10 Rev Joseph C Simmons    | 88 |
| 10 Br. Michael J Sullivan  | 87 |
| 11 Br. Maurice J Klein Jr  | 81 |
| 14 Rev D Patrick Peach     | 45 |
| 17 Br. Louis T Foudos      | 67 |
| 18 Br. Charles Mandeville  | 34 |
| 19 Br. John F Hartnett     | 77 |
| 20 Br. John H Russell      | 72 |
| 21 Br. Robert B Garrett Jr | 82 |
| 21 Br. Michael J Skinner   | 54 |
| 22 Br. Thomas Amaefule     | 59 |



### January Anniversaries

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| 7. Mark Lippy      | 35 |
| 11. Aaron Cupps    | 21 |
| 15. Louis Heil Jr. | 19 |
| 29. Rick Costanza  | 46 |

### February Anniversaries

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| 18. PGK George Trocki | 46 |
|-----------------------|----|



## Free Pancake Breakfast !!

Where: St. Mary of the Assumption hall

When: Sunday, February 11th, after the 9 AM Mass

What: pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, tea



**Coats for Kids**— Brad & Bert along with Joseph Crawley, who is a volunteer at Gedco, handed out 18 coats, gloves, hats and scarves to the needy folks who regularly visit the Gedco food pantry in the Govans neighborhood. Thanks to Stephen for helping purchase the coats with his Walmart discount and to Bert and everyone else who donated the hats, scarves and gloves. The council paid for the coats, and we had a donation of another 6 coats by Kathleen Williams.

## Financial Secretary Report

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By the time you read this you probably have received your annual dues notice, if you are not an Honorary Life member. The first notice goes out Dec 15th, followed by the second, third and fourth 30 days after each other in succession. With the cost of stamps going through the roof, please try to remit your payments as soon as possible. Every little bit helps. I know what it feels like, another money request at a time when you are paying off Christmas, property taxes and regular bills. It seems like it never ends! And once again, I implore you to please let any officer know if you are in any financial difficulty. There are ways we can help at the council, state and supreme level if necessary. Even if you need a temporary reprieve, let us know. We will stop sending nagging notices and letters immediately. We can wait until you are on better financial footing and would never suspend anyone for non-payment of dues. However, if we don't receive any dues for at least two years, cannot contact you in any way, don't see you at any event or meeting, we can only assume that you do not wish to remain a knight and will start the suspension process. And believe me when I tell you, I do not wish for more paper work that this causes. And with so many brothers reaching honorary life stage, our dues have dwindled severely. It makes more sense to retain our brothers and either assist you with dues or dispense with your dues if you qualify. Talk to me before you reach the point of no return!

This year, we will not be sending paper membership cards to Honorary Life members since you already have received a permanent plastic membership card that is good forever. If you don't have one or lost yours, please contact me and I will try to get Supreme to re-issue a new one.

The council has decided to meet in St. Pius X Church, Genesis Hall, which is the lower level of the church until about April. Our meeting room in the school is not heated and the winter months make it very chilly. And on top of that, the water has been turned off so that the pipes do not break, therefore, no bathroom! All this is a result of the cost saving measure by St. Pius X to reduce expenditures in this mostly vacant building. The knights are currently the only inhabitants as the offices have all been moved to the rectory and of course the school was closed several years ago.

Please congratulate Fr. Jojo on his nephew's ordination, on November 27th. Fr. Jojo also has a brother that is a priest. He is very proud of both of them. He also was able to travel to the Philippines to be there when his nephew was ordained and should be back in Baltimore around December 4th.

And don't forget to congratulate Fr. Joe, who has an 88th birthday coming up on February 10th.

## Christmas Trees at St. Pius X

Thanks to everyone involved, we had another successful Christmas tree sale for St. Pius X church. Many Knights spent countless hours unloading, selling, setting up and breaking down the



lot, in the rain, snow, and cold. As you can see above right, the barrel kept us warm on many winter nights. We sold 1500 trees and about 50 boxes of wreaths and garland. This is the biggest fundraiser the church has! Thanks to Knights Tom, Louie, Stephen, George, Mark, Brad, & Barry and any others I may have forgotten to mention, for their hours of service.



## What we have been doing since the last Grotto



4 Frenchmen-John, Linda and Zack setup the chairs and podium for this yearly celebration which is sponsored by St. Mary parish Jack Russell assisted with the cleanup and return of the chairs. The French Naval Officers along with the American Legion performed the ceremony and wreath laying.



DW Greg Leftwich presents a certificate to GK Tom Welzant for the Columbian award which signifies completion of charitable deeds in the categories of faith, community, pro-life, and family.



5th Sunday at St. Isaac Joques and Double T Diner in October. There was a better than usual turnout this month, and we had to have two tables for the brunch. Don't forget that December has a 5th Sunday on the 31st, but this has been canceled so that each family may celebrate the New Year in their own church and manner.



Anniversary and traveling rosary at St. Pius X church. Great turnout again not just for the rosary, but also for Gershbeck's pastries furnished by PGK John Morrison!



Traveling rosary at Oak Crest-John, Bert, Jere, and Barry supplied the manpower for the rosary after the Mass there.



Warden George Rothmann presenting a \$250 check to Kathy Kolich of St. Pius X for beautifying the rose garden.



November memorial mass at COMQ-Barry, Tom, Greg, John, Bert and Jere shown, but the spouses did not want to be in the picture! Applebees for dinner.



Trunk or Treat at St. Pius X-Jere, Barry and Bert present the "Men in Black". You cant tell from this picture, but we had alien faces on a black background with light up eyes that blinked! We saw lots of kids and gave out lots of candy. The far right picture is showing John Butt's grandkids dressed as Dorothy, scarecrow, lion, and tin man from the Wizard of Oz. There were many great costumes and everyone had a fun time.



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Jan Knight of the month– Jere Danaher  
 Feb Knight of the month– Fr. Jojo Opalda

Jan Family of the month– Jack & Darlene Russell  
 Feb Family of the month– Mark & Ann DesMarais

**Calendar of Events Quick Look**

**January**

- 2. Council planning/business meeting 6:30/7:30 PM Genesis Hall
- 5. Adoration/Benediction St. Pius X 8-10 AM
- 16. Council audit 7:30 PM St. Pius X Genesis Hall (trustees, Treasurer, FS, GK required)
- 22. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM St. Pius X Genesis Hall

**February**

- 2. Adoration/Benediction St. Pius X 8-10 AM
- 6. Council planning/business meeting 6:30/7:30 PM Genesis Hall
- 11. Pancake breakfast St. Mary’s Hall after 9 AM Mass
- 14. Ash Wednesday
- 26. 4th Degree Meeting 7:30 PM St. Pius X Genesis Hall



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**4th Degree Charles Carroll of Carrollton Assembly, No. 375**  
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Schedule:

- Jan 22nd 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church Genesis Hall ~ IN PERSON
- Feb 26th 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church Genesis Hall ~ IN PERSON

Please visit <http://www.ccofc375.wixsite.com/my-site> for more information on the Assembly.

